Updating Canada’s Transportation Code of Practice

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Who we are
- Collaborative partnership of diverse stakeholders created to share information and work together on farm animal care and welfare (40+ partner organizations)
- National lead for farm animal care in Canada

What we do
- Process for Codes of Practice for the care and handling of farm animals
- Animal Care Assessment Framework (ACAF)
- Facilitate information sharing and communication

How we do it
- Consensus-based model of decision making
- Cultivating relationships, building trust, open communication and collaboration

**Our Goal:** real progress on farm animal welfare while maintaining the viability of Canadian animal agriculture
# NFACC Partners

## Processors
- Canadian Meat Council
- Canadian Poultry & Egg Processors Council
- Dairy Processors Association of Canada

## Animal Health Associations
- Canadian Veterinary Medical Association

## Consumer Groups
- Retail Council of Canada
- Restaurants Canada

## Farmed Animal Industries
- Canada Fox Breeders Association
- Canada Mink Breeders Association
- Canadian Bison Association
- Canadian Cattlemen’s Association
- Canadian Federation of Agriculture
- Canadian Hatching Egg Producers
- Canadian Pork Council
- Canadian Sheep Federation
- Canadian Veal Association
- Chicken Farmers of Canada
- Dairy Farmers of Canada
- Egg Farmers of Canada
- Equine Canada
- Turkey Farmers of Canada

## Provincial Groups
- Ontario Trucking Association
- Alberta Farm Animal Care Association

## Governments
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Portfolio (AAFC, CFIA)
- Provincial Agriculture Departments (FPAW)

## Animal Welfare Associations
- Humane Canada
- Coalition of Provincial SPCA (BC, SK, ON)
- World Animal Protection

## Other
- Canada’s research community
NFACC Partners

**Associate Members**

- Loblaw
- Sobeys
- Tim Hortons
- Manitoba Pork Council
- Saputo
- Burnbrae Farms
- McDonald’s Restaurants of Canada Ltd
- A & W Food Services of Canada Inc
- Elanco Animal Health, Canada
- Boehringer Ingelheim, Canada
- Maple Leaf

- Cargill Canada
- Aramark Canada
- Farm Credit Canada
- White Spot Restaurants
- NSF International
- Farm and Food Care Ontario
- Cara
- Agropur
- Gay Lea Foods
- Dairy Farmers of Ontario
- Semex
Canada’s Codes of Practice

The Codes of Practice - guidelines for the care and handling of farm animals

▶ Our national understanding of farm animal care requirements and recommended practices
▶ Scientifically informed, practical, and reflect societal expectations for responsible farm animal care

The Codes of Practice serve as

▶ Extension tools
▶ Foundation for animal care assessment programs
▶ Reference materials for regulations
Current Codes of Practice

- Beef Cattle
- Bison
- Chickens, Turkeys and Breeders
- Dairy Cattle
- Equine
- Farmed Deer
- Farmed Fox

- Farmed Mink
- Goats
- Pigs
- Poultry - Layers
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Transportation
- Veal Cattle
The Normal Code Development Process

RAISING THE BAR
THE CODES OF PRACTICE DEVELPMENT PROCESS
Challenges in Updating the Transportation Code

Taking the normal process and super-sizing it

- No single ‘initiating’ organization, but several eager to move this forward
- Code focused on one species vs Code focused on many species – super sizing collaboration and recruitment
- Code scope – on road transportation; transportation continuum
- Timelines – 2+ years to 4 ½ years

Final document – avoiding re-inventing the encyclopedia
Preparing for the Challenges

**Phase One**

- Environmental Scan
- Scientific Committee report
- Stakeholder consultation

Final documents available at:

Preparing for the Challenges

Environmental Scan

- An overview of regulatory requirements, operational background and considerations relative to scope

- Common background and context for the Code Development Committee(s).
Preparing for the Challenges

Scientific Committee report

What is the effect of: transport duration, time off feed and water, rest intervals (where appropriate by species), environmental conditions, and loading density, as single factors or in combination, on animal welfare? Include measures to mitigate the impact of environmental conditions. Species covered:

- Cattle
- Pigs
- Poultry
- Sheep
- Equine

Preparing for the Challenges

Stakeholder consultation – decisions on Code Scope

- Road transport only
- Focus is species for which a national Code of Practice exists
- All vehicles used to transport farm animals
- Includes intermediary/transitional points (e.g., auctions) and specialized transport (hatcheries)
Preparing for the Challenges

Stakeholder consultation – decisions on Code Structure

- Modular approach with one Code
Figure 1: Structure of Transportation Code
Preparing for the Challenges

Stakeholder consultation – decisions on Code Structure

► Approach and process
Preparing for the Challenges

Stakeholder consultation – decisions on Code Structure

- Approach and process

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Figure 2: Transportation Code Development Process

- **Code Director**
  - Code Managers
  - Working Groups
    - Transporter(s)
    - Producer
    - AW (CFHS; Protection/Enforcement)
    - AAFC/CFIA
    - As Required
      - Veterinarian
      - Researcher
      - Processor
      - Technical Expertise
      - Others (as appropriate)
  - Editing & Review Committee
    - Code Director
    - Code Managers
  - Code Development Committee (CDC)
    - Transporters
    - AAFC/CFIA
    - National AW Association
    - Processor
    - Producer(s)
    - Provincial Protection/Enforcement
    - Provincial Gov’t AW Representative
    - Researcher
    - Retail/Food Service
    - Veterinarian
- Code Director and Managers
Preparing for the Challenges

Stakeholder consultation – decisions on Code Structure

- Using and accessing the Code
- Distribution
- Format
Moving Forward

Project Timelines

- Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) approval – September 2018
- October 2018 – March 2023 (4 ½ years)
- Bringing the Code team together through Oct/Nov 2018
- Stakeholder survey to launch by November 2018
- Working groups organized by January 2019 (1st meetings by March)
Questions?

More information:

- [www.nfacc.ca](http://www.nfacc.ca)